

Parthia, then in other parts of the East, in Media, Persia, and, it is said, also in India and Ethiopia.

Q. What was the manner of this apostle's death?

A. He suffered martyrdom, at Meliapor, on the Coromandel coast, where his body was found pierced with lances.

Q. What was the end of St. Mathew, the Apostle and Evangelist?

A. St. Mathew, is said to have suffered martyrdom in Parthia, after having preached the Gospel in Judea, and afterwards in various countries of the East.

Q. What have you to relate of St. James, called the Less, first bishop of Jerusalem?

A. St. James the Less was the sister's son of the Blessed Virgin. He was revered even by the Jews for the austere sanctity of his life, and for a long term of years governed the faithful of Jerusalem, though continually menaced with persecution. At length Ananias the high priest, took him to the top of a high tower, threatening him with death if he did not preach against the religion of Christ to the multitude assembled below.

Q. What did St. James do?

A. He gladly took the opportunity of preaching Christ crucified to the people, with his usual zeal and fervor, and was, therefore, cast from the top of the tower; he was not entirely killed by the fall, and raising himself on his knees, began to supplicate the Lord

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